

**MINUTES OF THE
JACKSONVILLE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD WORK SESSION
THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023**

The Jacksonville Transportation Authority Board of Directors held a Work Session Thursday, March 30, 2023 in the Board Room of the Jacksonville Regional Transportation Center located at 100 LaVilla Center Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32204.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Debbie Buckland, Ray Driver, Aundra Wallace, Arezou Jolly and Stephanie Burch.

JTA STAFF PRESENT: Nathaniel P. Ford Sr., Cleveland Ferguson, Greer Gillis, Charles Frazier and Katie Smith.

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Milian, General Counsel

I. WELCOME: Chair Buckland called the Work Session to order at 2:03 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: The Chair called for Public Comment. There were no requests by the public to comment.

III. CLAY COUNTY TRANSPORTATION STUDY: Ms. Gillis provided the Board with information related to the Clay County Transportation Study and its purpose and the expected key outcomes. She then provided a look into the project elements and the public involvement to ensure this study and its results benefit the community.

Ms. Gillis shared the key findings and the additional considerations for Mobility Hubs and service hubs, as well as the timeline for the short-range and mid-range recommendations. She concluded by providing the Board with the benefits for the community, the implementation schedule, the estimated cost for the different ranges and next steps.

Ms. Gillis confirmed Chair Buckland's inquiry that Keystone Heights is the furthest area of service for Clay County.

Director Jolly asked who prepares the grants for funding for Clay County Service. Ms. Gillis responded that both JTA and Clay County apply for grant funding.

IV. ST. JOHNS FERRY UPDATE: Mr. Frazier provided the Board with quick facts about the Ferry, the Jean Ribault and the scope of work (Phases I through V) that has been completed since

the JTA took over the service. He then shared the timeline for the current Ferry Overhaul and that work is 69 percent complete. He also shared what maintenance work would be completed while the Ferry is out of service.

Mr. Frazier stated that there has been a lot of outreach to ensure the community knows the timeline for service to return and the reason for the haul-out. He concluded by advising the Board of the Water Taxi and ReadIRide Pilot that the Authority will begin on April 1, 2023. The pilot will provide service for pedestrians and bicyclists to traverse from the Fort George Marina to the Mayport Boat Ramp.

V. ROUNDTABLE: There were not any items for Roundtable.

There being no further business, the work session adjourned at 2:39 p.m.



Debbie Buckland, Chair

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Abel Harding, Secretary